

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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6 STEINBEISSER, STOKER, WINDY BOY, YOUNKIN

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8 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
9 MONTANA REQUESTING THE U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES TO RENAME HALFBREED RAPIDS  
10 ON THE MISSOURI RIVER AS "PINE ISLAND RAPIDS", THE NAME GIVEN THE RAPIDS BY MEMBERS OF  
11 THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION.

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13 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis described a series of rapids in the Missouri River south of what is now  
14 the town of Cascade, Montana, in his July 17, 1805, journal near an island that he termed "pine island", and  
15 these rapids later were called "Pine Island Rapids" in observations by coleader of the Lewis and Clark  
16 Expedition, William Clark, who identified the "Pine Island Rapids" as a geographic indicator in his journals while  
17 on the Pacific Coast and again on August 12, 1806, and these rapids were referred to as "pine islands and  
18 rapids" by Lewis and Clark Expedition member Sgt. John Ordway in his July 17, 1806, journal; and

19 WHEREAS, the name of the rapids through time and without a confirmed source for the name became  
20 "Halfbreed Rapids"; and

21 WHEREAS, the word "halfbreed" is "[g]enerally regarded as an offensive term because often used  
22 contemptuously", according to Webster's New World College Dictionary, Fourth Edition (2001); and

23 WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial provides an opportunity to recognize and rename a  
24 geographic feature named in journals by members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

28 That the State of Montana urge the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to change the name of "Halfbreed  
29 Rapids" to "Pine Island Rapids" in recognition of the name given to the Missouri River rapids by members of the  
30 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the U.S.  
2 Board on Geographic Names and to Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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